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## VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL SCAVENGER HUNT

*Beginning at the front of the Capitol (South Side), look for these things outside:*

1. What flags are flying over the two wings of the Capitol? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many columns are across the front of the central part of the Capitol? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What animals and birds do you see on Capitol Square? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Look for the historic Bell Tower. When was it built? \_\_\_\_\_ What was it used for at first and what is it used for now? \_\_\_\_\_
5. As you walk up the hill, what is the stone building across 9<sup>th</sup> Street? \_\_\_\_\_  
What branch of government is this? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Find the Edgar Allen Poe statue. What did he write? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Find the zero mile marker. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the latitude and longitude? \_\_\_\_\_?North, \_\_\_\_\_?West \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation.
8. Look for the statue of Harry Flood Byrd. What offices did he hold? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name the six people standing at the base of Washington's statue. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Why is this referred to as the "equestrian" statue? (HINT: "Equestrian" refers to an animal.)  
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11. Find a magnolia tree \_\_\_\_ and an American elm tree \_\_\_\_\_. What other trees do you see with markers?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Find the statue of General Thomas J. Jackson. What was his nickname? \_\_\_\_\_  
The statue was a gift to Virginia from \_\_\_\_\_
13. Locate the statue of a leading surgeon of the South and the founder of the University College of Medicine in Richmond, now known as the Medical College of Virginia. His name is \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Which Governor first lived in the Executive Mansion? \_\_\_\_\_ When did he move there? \_\_\_\_\_.



## ***Take the Capitol Tour – How Good a Listener Are You?***

1. The Virginia State Capitol is the second oldest working Capitol in the United States. It has been in constant service since 1788. Before Richmond, what two towns in Virginia served as the capital?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Who designed our Capitol building? \_\_\_\_\_  
The Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegates meet in separate chambers in the two wings. The wings were added in 1906. What branch of government is this? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The world-famous statue of George Washington in the Capitol rotunda was sculpted by Jean-Antoine Houdon, who traveled from \_\_\_\_\_ to Washington's home at \_\_\_\_\_ for the project. The statue is carved from a single block of \_\_\_\_\_ from Carrara, Italy.
3. The statues of Virginia-born presidents are in niches along the walls of the Rotunda. How many of these presidents can you name? \_\_\_\_\_
4. A statue of Virginia's first honorary citizen can also be found in the Rotunda. This famous person was named \_\_\_\_\_ and his home country was \_\_\_\_\_. Why was he honored by Virginia? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sunlight comes into the Capitol rotunda through skylights on top of an unusual interior \_\_\_\_\_. In the triangles at the base of this rounded form are leaves of \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia's most important crop in its early days.
6. A valuable painting in the Old Senate Chamber, "Storming of a British Redoubt," depicts the battle of Yorktown during which war? \_\_\_\_\_ The painting on the back wall shows the three ships bringing the first settlers to Virginia in 1607. Name the ships. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Just inside the old hall of the House of Delegates is a statue of General \_\_\_\_\_, where he accepted command of the Confederate forces in Virginia. Name some of the other statues of famous Virginians in the room. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Whose office is on the third floor of the Capitol? \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you name this official and the branch of government? \_\_\_\_\_
9. The presiding officer of the Senate is the \_\_\_\_\_ and is elected in a statewide election for a four-year term. The \_\_\_\_\_ presides over the House of Delegates and is elected by the members of that body for a two-year term. Do you know the name of your senator and delegate? \_\_\_\_\_